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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DEMARCHE: UNITED NATIONS GENERAL
ASSEMBLY CONSIDERATION OF DECLARATION ON HUMAN CLONING

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1. (U) Pol/Econ delivered reftel demarche 2 March to Director of Bilateral Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mohamed Ali Hassan. Hassan said he thought the new vote was related to concerns regarding certain arguments within the Declaration, not the principle itself. He said he would like to see the text of the Declaration, which Pol/Econ gave along with the demarche. Hassan said he would send the arguments to Djibouti's representative in New York, who should see the U.S. representative in New York to discuss the issue. Hassan did not clarify why Djibouti had abstained from the vote on the Declaration, though he said Djibouti's position on cloning was that it should be banned.

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